

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Original) A paste composition for making electrodes, comprising a carbon black supporting a hydrogen reduction catalyst, an electrolyte, an organic solvent with a boiling point of 100 to 200°C, and a water-soluble organic solvent with a boiling point of less than 100°C.
2. (Original) The paste composition according to claim 1, wherein the organic solvent with a boiling point of 100 to 200°C has a solubility parameter of 7.5 to 13 (cal/mol)^{1/2} and is other than hydrocarbon and halogenated hydrocarbon solvents.
3. (Currently Amended) The paste composition according to claim 1 or 2, further containing a dispersant.
4. (Currently Amended) The paste composition according to ~~any one of claim 1~~ claims 1 to 3, further containing a carbon fiber.
5. (Currently Amended) The paste composition according to ~~any one of claim 1~~ claims 1 to 4, further containing water.